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FOREWORD

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This year's edition of the *Buffalo Human Rights Law Review* marks a landmark for our publication. This will be the tenth edition published since the journal changed its name from the *Buffalo Journal of International Law*. When that decision was made ten years ago, the journal's editors believed the name change would demonstrate our commitment to human rights law and the study of human rights issues throughout the world. In the decade since becoming the *Buffalo Human Rights Law Review*, the journal has published articles addressing topics ranging from broad themes of social justice to country specific case studies.

In the sixty-one years since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the human rights movement has progressed by leaps and bounds. Internationally, there are treaties and conventions that cover most areas where potential abuses can occur. More and more countries have also adopted the language of human rights, bringing international norms into their constitutions and domestic law. Therefore, the discussion has shifted from creating a strong international framework for human rights protection to enforcing domestic laws designed to care for citizens. In selecting the articles for Volume 14 of the *Buffalo Human Rights Law Review*, the editorial board sought pieces that reflect these changes.

We chose to open with the transcript of a lecture by Irene Khan, the Secretary-General of Amnesty International, delivered at the University at Buffalo Law School. Her discussion about the human rights protection within the modern debate about terrorism and security summarizes what is perhaps the greatest impediment to progress in protecting human rights. Our second article also looks at a broad theme in international human rights law. Patrick Glen, of the Justice Department, argues for the creation of an international convention that would formally outlaw dictatorship. He cites the numerous human rights violations committed by dictators, often in the name of preserving social order, as a reason to outlaw the form of government outright.

The other articles focus on more specific topics. Moeen Cheema, from the University of Lahore, writes about Pakistani court decisions that have prevented full implementation of laws designed to prevent honor killings of Pakistani women. Johanna Oreskovic and Trish Maskew respond to an article about international adoption by Harvard professor, Elizabeth

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Bartholet, that was published in Volume 13 of the *Buffalo Human Rights Law Review*.

Finally, there are two articles written by graduating law students that reflect the commitment of young lawyers to the human rights movement. Iris Halpern, a third year student from Boalt Hall Law School, explores the relationship between transnational corporations and their responsibilities to uphold human rights. Brian Holland, from the University at Buffalo, writes about the struggle in China to maintain universal education as millions migrate from its rural regions to China's fast growing cities.

The editorial board believes these articles represent a variety of issues that make up international human rights law and will help add to the discourse in each of the respective subjects.

On behalf of my co-Editor-in-Chief, Elsa Hernández, I would like to thank Dean Makau Mutua for his support of the *Buffalo Human Rights Law Review* and the *Buffalo Human Rights Center*. His efforts have ensured that human rights law remains a strong part of the University at Buffalo Law School's curriculum. I would also like to thank all of our editors and clerks who worked diligently throughout the year to put Volume 14 together. Without their hard work, it would be impossible to publish the journal and their efforts are very much appreciated. And, finally, I would like to thank the authors whose articles will be published in this edition. It was a pleasure to work with all of them.